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AUTOMATIC EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING ACCOUNT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 07, 2004

Committee Goal: To provide a means of communication between the Office of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

Meeting Attendees

Pat Sanchez, Advisor
Yevonne Costa, Program Assistant
Bruce Lecair, Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers
Fred J. Benn, Sprinkler Contractor AFSA/NFSA
Wayne M. Martin, Fire Sprinkler Advisory Boards of California
James M. Feld, Fire Protection Engineers - SFPE
Jaymae Wentker, Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers
Sam Husoe, NFSA
Stephen D. Hart, Committee Historian/Consultant
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell Fire Sprinkler Contractors
Lorin Neyer, Technical Advisor OSHPD
James H. McLaughlin, Lund Pearson McLaughlin Fire Protection Sys.
Mike Brand, Brandco Fire
Chris Hoiland, O.C. Fire Protection
Darrel Harguth, Brooks Equipment
Paul Smith, River City Fire Equipment
Barry Sigal, Manufacturer's Representative
Randy Dysart, Beacon Fire & Safety
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co

Members Absent

Mike Waldron, Program Coordinator/ Vice Chair
Brian Heyman, Technical Advisor DSA
Robert E. Raymer, California Building Industry Association BIA/CBIA
Eric Price, Fire Sprinkler Industry Design - Nor Cal
Massoud Araghi, So Cal Fire Prevention Officers

Guests

Rodney Slaughter, Code Development & Analysis

Approval of Minutes

Pat Sanchez called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at the OSFM's Headquarters conference room in Sacramento. DSFM Sanchez asked for additions or corrections or approval of the Minutes of January 08, 2003 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Review Draft Language Title 19/NFPA 25

An ad-hoc work group created by this committee to investigate the adoption of NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems would like to recommend appropriate amendments to NFPA 25.

- The work group consists of: Jim Feld ,Sam Husoe, Bruce Lecair, Wayne Martin, Jim McLaughlin, Jaymae Wentker, Steve Cobb

A very informative 59 page document was submitted by this workgroup covering these items: Matrix comparing Title 19 requirements and frequencies with those of NFPA 25, a very detailed account of significant differences between Title 19 and NFPA 25 (2002), a detailed graph using National Fire Sprinkler Association Data on which states have adopted NFPA 25. The work group also submitted changes they would like to see made to the existing Title 19. An extensive list of stakeholders were also shared with the committee. Rodney Slaughter joined the meeting to give insight on the work already done by this group, he shared information and ideas with the group on completing this very large project. Rodney also told the group he would need to see NFPA 25 in its entirety printed out with strikeout language and italics additions along with a separate document showing effects on Title 19 and written justification for making changes to existing language.

Meeting with Contractor State Licensing

On October 01,2003 an informal meeting was held between Contractors State Licensing Board and the OSFM office, this meeting dealt with some issues pertaining to an "A"Type license vs. C-16 license. After that meeting a letter was sent to Supervisor Diana Bigelow of the State Contractors Licensing Board, in this letter a series of questions were asked dealing with licensing that had resulted from questions raised by this committee.

Action Item

- Office of the State Fire Marshal's to follow up on letter to Contractors State Licensing Board.
- Mike Waldron to contact Dennis Berry, lawyer for Contractor State Licensing Board.

Review Draft Language Title 19/ UL 300

Chris Gilbert shared with the committee her workgroup's Initial Statement of Reasons for proposed Building Standards, regarding proposed amendments for California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9.

Specific Purpose

The State Fire Marshal proposes to amend Title 24, California Fire Code regarding the service of fixed extinguishing systems protecting commercial cooking equipment adding language to require the replacement of non UL-300 compliant systems by 01-01-06. Other changes are being proposed, to remove references to systems no longer in use or accepted, to provide consistency in terminology.

Next Meeting

Next meeting was set for June 23,2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the State Fire Marshal's headquarters conference room in Sacramento. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.